

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-028-W - ORDER NO. 95-1421 ✓
AUGUST 10, 1995

IN RE: Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc.) ORDER ON
for Approval of a Water Supply Agreement) REQUEST
between CWS and the City of West Columbia,) FOR WAIVER
South Carolina.) OF RULE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Michael C. Watford for a waiver of the Commission Rule concerning prefiling requirements.

On August 7, 1995, Michael Watford, an Intervenor in this proceeding, filed a letter with the Commission in which he requested that the Commission waive the rule requiring that twenty-five (25) copies of testimony and exhibits be prefiled with the Commission. Mr. Watford stated in his letter that he had submitted twenty-five (25) copies of the materials he intends to use in the last Carolina Water Service rate case. Mr. Watford stated that the copies in the last rate case had cost him a lot of money and that copying all the material would present a hardship to him. Mr. Watford further offered that he had spoken to one of the attorneys for Carolina Water Service who did not oppose his request.

The rule, or regulation, from which Mr. Watford requests a waiver is 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs.103-869(C). 26 S.C Code Ann. Regs.103-869(C) requires that:

[i]n formal proceedings involving utilities, the Commission shall require any party and staff to file copies of testimony and exhibits and serve them on all other parties of record within a specified time in advance of the hearing. ... When prepared testimony and exhibits are prefiled with the Commission, twenty-five copies, unless otherwise specified, of such testimony and exhibits must be furnished to the Commission for the use of the Commission and Staff.

The Commission has examined this matter and will allow Mr. Watford to prefile only twenty (20) copies of his testimony and exhibits with the Commission. Copies of all testimony and exhibits must be available for the Commissioners to review and copies must also be distributed to Staff members working on any given case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Mr. Watford shall prefile twenty (20) copies of his testimony and exhibits with the Commission on or before August 24, 1995.
2. Mr. Watford shall also serve a copy of his testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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